

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re

FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC, *et al.*¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-33948 (MI)

(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF
COLE SCHOTZ P.C. AS CO- COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 20, 2020**

Upon the application (the “**Application**”) of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of Fieldwood Energy LLC, and the affiliated jointly administered debtors and debtors-in-possession (the “**Debtors**”) appointed pursuant to section 1102 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) for entry of an order authorizing the employment and retention of Cole Schotz P.C. (“**Cole Schotz**”) as co-counsel for the Committee, effective August 20, 2020, pursuant to sections 328 and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rule 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “**Local Bankruptcy Rules**”); and upon the Declarations of Michael D. Warner (the “**Warner Declaration**”) and Elba Parra filed in support of the Application; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding in accordance

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are: Dynamic Offshore Resources NS, LLC (0158); Fieldwood Energy LLC (6778); Fieldwood Energy Inc. (4991); Fieldwood Energy Offshore LLC (4494); Fieldwood Onshore LLC (3489); Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC (8786); Fieldwood Offshore LLC (2930); FW GOM Pipeline, Inc. (8440); GOM Shelf LLC (8107); Bandon Oil and Gas GP, LLC (9172); Bandon Oil and Gas, LP (9266); Fieldwood Energy SP LLC (1971); Galveston Bay Pipeline LLC (5703); and Galveston Bay Processing LLC (0422). The Debtors’ primary mailing address is 2000 W. Sam Houston Parkway S., Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77042.

with 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) on which the Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and venue being properly in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and having found based on the representations made in the Application and the Warner Declaration that (i) Cole Schotz does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Committee with respect to the matters for which it is being retained; (ii) Cole Schotz is a “disinterested person” as that phrase is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code (as modified by section 1103(b) of the Bankruptcy Code); (iii) neither Cole Schotz nor its professionals have any connection with the Debtors, their estates, or creditors, except as disclosed in the Warner Declaration; and (iv) Cole Schotz’s employment and retention is necessary and in the best interest of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors and other parties in interest; and good and adequate notice of the Application having been given under the circumstances and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and it appearing that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Cole Schotz’s employment and retention is necessary and in the best interest of the creditors of the Debtors and their estates, and Cole Schotz is authorized to provide the Committee with the professional services as described in the Application.

2. The Committee is authorized to retain Cole Schotz as its co-counsel effective as of August 21, 2020, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 328 and 1103 under the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the Warner Declaration as modified by this Order. Cole Schotz’s services will be different than those provided by the Committee’s lead counsel, Stroock. Cole Schotz and Stroock shall not overlap services and billing; provided however, Cole Schotz shall address issues as requested by the Committee or Stroock to complement or support the efforts of Stroock.

3. Cole Schotz shall ~~be compensated~~apply for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases in compliance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. For the avoidance of doubt, under no circumstances shall any of the compensation or expense reimbursement obligations approved by the Court be an obligation of, or paid by, the Committee or any of its members. Cole Schotz intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the United States Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosure as set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases effective as of November 1, 2013*, both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Cole Schotz in these Chapter 11 Cases.

4. Ten business days' notice shall be provided by Cole Schotz to the Debtors, the United States Trustee and any official committee prior to any increases in the rates set forth in the Application, and such notice must be filed with the Court.

5. The United States Trustee may object to Cole Schotz's expenses on any grounds.

6. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry. To the extent this Order conflicts with the Application and/or the Warner Declaration, the terms of this Order control.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, the Engagement Letter, or the Declarations attached to the Application, Cole Schotz shall not be entitled to reimbursement for fees and expenses in connection with the defense any objection to its fees, without further order of the Court.

8. Cole Schotz shall not charge a markup to the Debtors with respect to fees billed by contract attorneys who are hired by Cole Schotz to provide services to the committees and shall ensure that any such contract attorneys are subject to conflict checks and disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules.

9. Cole Schotz will use its best efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' other Chapter 11 Professionals in these chapter 11 cases.

10. Cole Schotz will review its files periodically during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases to ensure that no conflicts or other disqualifying circumstances exist or arise. If any new relevant facts or relationships are discovered or arise, Cole Schotz will use reasonable efforts to identify such further developments and will promptly file a supplemental declaration, as required by FED. R. BANKR. P. 2014(a).

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2020

The Honorable Marvin Isgur
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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